

Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Libraries react to Hurricane Katrina

Library-related efforts are already underway in Missouri and across the country to help the libraries and communities affected by Hurricane Katrina. While the extent of the damage to libraries in the path of the storm is not yet known, the need for such assistance will surely exist.

Both the Louisiana Library Association and the Louisiana Library Foundation are collecting for affected libraries. The Louisiana Library Association is accepting monetary donations to assist school, public, and academic libraries with restoration efforts. Checks should be made payable to LLA-Disaster Relief and mailed to Louisiana Library Association, 421 South 4th Street, Eunice, LA 70535.

The Louisiana Library Foundation will also forward funds to libraries in need, and checks should be made payable to Louisiana Library Foundation, PO Box 2583, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

In Missouri, libraries in the Kansas City area have been designated by the local Red Cross and Salvation Army chapters as donation locations for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Libraries across the state who are interested in collecting donations should contact their local Red Cross and/or Salvation Army chapters to determine the best method to do so.

New workshops focus on consumer health resources and resources for older adults

Authoritative and up-to-date health information is often the best medicine for older adults. But navigating through the myriad of print, online, and other sources of health information can be overwhelming, frustrating, and even dangerous.

The Missouri State Library 2005 Senior Friendly Libraries workshops, "Oh, My Aching ...What? Consumer Health Information for Older Adults," can help public library staff build and improve consumer health information services and programs for older adults and their caregivers.

At <u>"Oh, My Aching ...What?"</u> workshops, public library staff will learn about the health information-seeking behaviors of older adults, consumer health resources designed specifically for older adults and more.

The workshops are scheduled at the following locations:

- Lebanon-Laclede County Library, September 12
- Hannibal Free Public Library, September 23
- Jefferson County Library, Windsor Branch, September 28
- Cape Girardeau Public Library, September 29

To learn more about the workshops and to register for "Oh, My Aching ...What?" go to http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/workshop/srfriendly/2005.

Library scholarship applications now available

Secretary of State Robin Carnahan and Missouri State Librarian Sara Parker are pleased to announce the <u>Missouri State Library Scholarships</u> for the 2006 Winter/Spring and Summer academic semesters. Scholarships are available to Missouri students pursuing a master's degree in library science or school library media specialist certification. After graduation, scholarship recipients must commit to working in a publicly funded Missouri library as a full-time professional employee.

This is the only opportunity students have to apply if they anticipate taking classes in the 2006 Winter/Spring or Summer semesters. Applications must be postmarked by October 3, 2005, and forms are available at www.sos.mo.gov/library/scholarship.

The scholarship program is supported by funds from the federal Library Services and Technology Act. The State Library encourages those who subscribe to *Newsline Extra* to share this information with other library staff members who might be interested in this opportunity. For additional information, please contact continuing education consultant <u>Brenda Sites</u> at 800-325-0131, ext. 13.

Search for clues about writing mystery and detective fiction

Missouri Center for the Book has partnered with the St. Louis Public Library to present *Hired Justice: A Mystery and Detective Fiction Forum*. Scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Schlafly Branch Library (225 N. Euclid), the forum will focus on the who, why, when, and where of contemporary detective fiction. Some of Missouri's best writers in the genre will appear, including John Lutz, Robert Randisi, Susan McBride, Michael Kahn, Marthayn Pelegrimas, and Suzann Ledbetter.

The event is free and open to the public, and participants are welcome to come and go during the day. The authors' books will also be available for purchase and signing. For more information, contact <u>Holly Dentner</u>, 800-325-0131, ext. 8.

After school programs eligible for DESE grant

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has issued an invitation for bid for the 2005-2006 School Age Community Afterschool Program (SACA) Award. SACA provides a place for extended learning, social, recreational, and personal life skills development for students during non-school hours. SACA is not a continuation of the school day but extends, expands, and enriches the opportunities for experiential learning, social development, and recreation. It incorporates a strong partnership of school, family, and community members that collaboratively contribute to the growth of students.

The goal of the grant program is to increase School Age Community Program's availability and quality in public educational institutions to provide a safe environment that meets the needs of children ages 5 through 13.

Only applications submitted by public educational institutions will be considered for grant awards. Public educational institutions may submit an application for a School Age Community program administered by a nonprofit organization that is using school facilities, such as the YMCA, YWCA, 4-H Youth Development, PTA, or other nonprofit organization. Awards can not exceed \$20,000 per site and \$40,000 per district pending funding availability, and can be used for both new and existing programs.

Additional information or a copy of the bid is available at http://dese.mo.gov/divcareered/grants.htm, or contact Nicole Baldwin (573) 751-0856. The deadline for proposals is 3 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2005.

Register now for September MLNC cataloging workshops

MLNC's September workshop line-up includes some unique sessions for librarians and library staff involved in cataloging:

- September 16, Metadata for Digitization and Preservation, St. Louis
- September 22, Map Cataloging: The Basics, Independence
- September 28, Serials Holdings (SCCTP), Rolla

Keep your cataloging skills and knowledge up-to-date with these educational opportunities. Registration and details are available at http://www.mlnc.org/Workshops/workshops.html

Applications available for reading and discussion series

Applications are currently available for <u>Prime Time Family Reading Time®</u>, an award-winning reading, discussion, and storytelling series offered by the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities (LEH), in partnership with ALA and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Statewide organizations including state libraries, state humanities councils, centers for the book, and library associations are invited to apply. The receipt deadline for applications is October 31, 2005.

Prime Time is designed to help low-income, low-literate families bond around the act of reading and talking about books. It models and encourages family reading and discussion of humanities topics, and aids parents and children in selecting books and becoming active public library users.

This year, Prime Time will add up to 20 sites to its national roster by working with five state-level organizations to present Prime Time at four libraries in each state. State library and humanities organizations are encouraged to partner with public libraries in their states and apply for this grant opportunity. Libraries interested in participating in Prime Time are encouraged to contact their state library, humanities council, center for the book, or library association.

Selected states will receive grant funding and materials to work with library staff to present the Prime Time series at four library sites. Sites that target English language learners are encouraged, as Prime Time training and materials have been adapted to support service to this population.

For more information and to download an application, visit http://www.ala.org/publicprograms.

Booklists created to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from September 15 to October 15, the Association of American Publishers has created a recommended reading list to help teachers, librarians, booksellers, and others celebrate Hispanic culture with a book.

The list features a wide variety of titles by Latino authors or that address issues concerning what it is to be Latino. With books for adults and children, in both English and Spanish, there is something for everyone. The lists can be viewed at http://www.getcaughtreading.org/pressreleases/ajaleyendo.htm

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